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The Honorable Leverett Saltonstall
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Lev:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter to Senator Russell, relative to our building problem, which I believe is self-explanatory. I had gone to see him personally on this matter, because I felt that the developments described were sufficiently important to justify a special explanation and to seek his advice before any further action was taken.

Senator Russell was sympathetic with our problem, and felt that we should proceed to seek our appropriation within the current authorization. He did not feel, however, that any attempt should be made to obtain an additional authorization during this session of the Congress. I agreed fully with his position, and we are proceeding accordingly, in the hope that we can obtain sufficient funds now to make substantial progress as soon as possible.

I have also discussed this problem with Senator Hayden, who was most sympathetic. We are planning, of course, to go into the matter in detail in hearings before the Appropriations Committee. If you would like to hear more on the subject in advance of hearings, however, I would be delighted to discuss it with you. I would also be most grateful for any thoughts you might have after reading the letter.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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